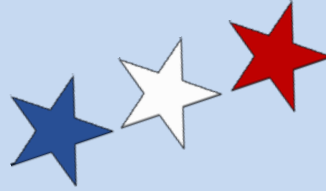




POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs are allowed to be placed on private property and in the public right-of-way. The following information is meant to serve as a guide to assist you in the proper placement of your political signs.



POLITICAL SIGNS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Political signs in the right-of-way are allowed under A.R.S. § 16-1019. This statute allows political signs in the right-of-way if all of the following conditions are met:

- Signs may only be displayed sixty days before a primary election and must be removed fifteen days after the general election. For those candidates who do not advance to the general election, or those elected at the primary, the signs must be removed fifteen days after the primary election.
- Signs must be placed in a public right-of-way owned or controlled by the city. *(For vehicle and pedestrian safety, the City requires all signs be placed a minimum of 15 feet from the face of the street curb or edge of pavement if there is no curb. All parts of the sign must be 15 feet back.)*
- Signs may not be placed in a location that is hazardous to public safety, obstructs clear vision in the area or interferes with the requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- For property zoned residential the sign may be a maximum of sixteen square feet in sign area.
- For all other areas the sign may be a maximum of thirty-two square feet in sign area.
- All political signs must contain the name and telephone number or website address of the candidate or campaign committee contact person on the sign.

Please read the entire statute to ensure your signs comply with state law. Additionally political signs must include the paid for by information pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-912 and 16- 912.01.

The location of right-of-way can be obtained at the County Assessor's website <http://maps.mcassessor.maricopa.gov/> and at the City's Development & Sustainability office at 55 N. Center St.

Election Day Signs

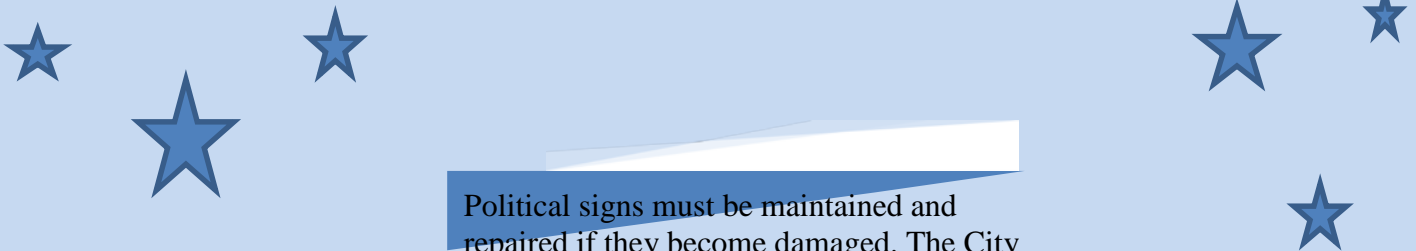
On Election Day, political signs are allowed outside of the 75 foot limit at any facility that is used as a polling place. The signs may not impair access to the polling place or to parking spaces for voters.

Signs on Private Property

For regulations related to political signs on private property, refer to Mesa Zoning Ordinance Section 11-41-7 (G).

In Single Residence districts on lots smaller than one (1) acre you are permitted one (1) sign per street frontage for each candidate or measure as long as all the signs combined do not exceed 8 square feet in area and 6 feet in height. In Single Residence districts on lots larger than one (1) acre and in all other zoning districts you are permitted one (1) sign per street frontage per lot or parcel for each candidate or measure as long as all the signs combined do not exceed 32 square feet in area or 8 feet in height.

There is no restriction on when political signs on private property may be displayed however these signs must be removed within ten days after the election to which the sign refers. For vehicle and pedestrian safety, all signs must be placed a minimum of 15 feet from the face of the street curb or edge of pavement if there is no curb. All parts of the sign must be 15 feet back. Additionally, signs cannot be placed on fencing that is not 15 feet back from the street curb or edge of pavement. Permission is required from the fence owner before placing a sign on any fencing. Height restrictions must also be maintained.



Political signs must be maintained and repaired if they become damaged. The City will remove any sign that is discontinued, dangerous, defective, illegal, prohibited or nonconforming. (M.Z.O. Section 11-41-8 (G)(1)).

Arizona Blue Stake Requirements

Installation of any sign is considered excavation under state law and requires that you have underground utilities marked in advance. Before installing any sign on public or private property, please contact Arizona 811 or visit their website at <http://www.arizona811.com>. Installing any type of sign without having the utilities marked in advance is a violation of A.R.S. § 40-360.21-32.

The policies, regulations and procedures on this document are subject to change. Please contact the Development and Sustainability Department at 480-644-4273 if you have any questions.